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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group, FBIS
FROM:
Acting Chief, Okinawa Bureau, FBIS
SUBJECT: Monthly Report - Okinawa Bureau - April 1986

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I. GENERAL

A. Okinawa regained satellite press facsimile capability for the first time since 1982 when FBIS's second new Adaptable Facsimile Printer (AFP) system was installed by Headquarters engineer in late April. Initial tests confirmed Okinawa can print Soviet newspapers from the 80 East satellite, Hanoi's NHAN DAN newspaper on the same bird, and selected telephoto transmissions. First looks at other possible facsimile transmissions have not yet uncovered Beijing's RENMIN RIBAO or CHINA DAILY, but these will be sought intensively as soon as major maintenance on our 10-meter dish--the first since its 1981 installation--is completed in the first half of May. The 3-meter PESOS dish appears locked on the center of the figure-8 drift pattern for the Soviet 140 East satellite providing primary Moscow TV coverage, and PESOS now gives steady coverage without adjustments for ten days or more.

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B. The U.S. dollar continued its downward losses against the Japanese yen, reaching another new low since World War II of below \$1.00 = 167 yen near the month's end, with the bank rate for employees hitting 166 on 26-27 April. Some financial analysts predict the rate may go as low as 150 yen, despite appeals by Prime Minister Nakasone for joint action to slow the yen's rise on the eve of the 4-6 May Tokyo economic summit. The strong yen has reportedly hurt Okinawa's tourist business, as yen-rich Japanese travel abroad rather than to Okinawa, resulting in the sixth straight month of declining tourist visitors during March. The silver lining for employees was that the COLA rate for Okinawa rose to Class 15 effective 30 March because of the strong yen. Bureau budget projections still forecast a shortfall of about \$461,000 for FY-1986, due entirely to yen-related MLC personnel costs and yen expenses for utilities.

C. A scaling down and stretchout of the bureau's housing recapitalization program was decided in Washington discussions by the bureau chief while attending the annual chiefs' conference. The bureau

expects no more than about \$350,000 yearly within its normal budget to rehabilitate older quarters. Earlier plans to demolish and rebuild the 16 oldest, GSWK houses will be revised to focus on new roofs and extensive interior refurbishing. Removal of the old Quonset and building one new duplex with 3-bedroom units remain the first goals with FY-1986 funds.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. The run-up to the Tokyo economic summit with President Reagan attending began affecting bureau coverage at April's end, with a major pre-summit NHK TV interview of Prime Minister Nakasone on 25 April and another by YOMIURI SHIMBUN of French President Mitterrand on 28 April requiring special staffing, which has also been laid on for the 2-6 May period. USIS at the American Embassy, Tokyo, phoned to lay on special filing of Moscow media comment on the summit for a USIS support team that will be in Tokyo during the President's visit, and this ad hoc request was passed directly to LRB and London Bureau.

2. Completion of the PRC's NPC and CPPCC sessions, which together ran from 23 March to 12 April, brought Chinese workloads back to normal levels. Major, lengthy reports including multi-thousand-word reports on the seventh 5-year plan, laws, new appointments and leadership lists boosted Chinese production above normal levels for weeks, with some 125,000 words of it directly related to the meetings.

3. After receiving Bangkok Bureau's revised emergency coverage plan draft and updates from Hong Kong and Seoul, the bureau reviewed reception and capabilities and filed to MOD updates of its emergency potential for the other three Far East bureaus as well as its own. Poor reception precludes Okinawan coverage of several Bangkok-proposed programs, with satellite backup the only possibility in some cases and that in turn limited by the single 10-meter dish usable for all coverage. Our Seoul backup plan went into effect for one hour on 15 April during a bomb threat closedown of Seoul.

4. Veteran Chinese monitor [] notified his intention to retire this November, and the bureau received Headquarters' approval to EOD as replacement a fourth Chinese monitor applicant from its candidate pool developed from the November 1985 Taipei trip. The new candidate is [] a long-time resident of Nepal who claims Hindi and Urdu in addition to Mandarin.

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5. Russian monitor-trainee [] arrived on 3 April with his family from Sydney, Australia, and began training under Russian Unit Chief [] who himself departed on EOT leave 24 April, leaving senior monitor [] in charge until about 29 May. Trainee [] has progressed to the point where he handles Beijing Russian, Moscow TV and MONTSAME press items with little or no checking required.

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6. Chinese/Tagalog monitor [] departed Okinawa PCS to Hong Kong Bureau on 4 April, having been with FBIS less than one year and spending nearly half that time at Hong Kong on TDY.

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7. Bangkok Bureau generously agreed to an Okinawa proposal that Bangkok handle our Moscow, Beijing and Hanoi Vietnamese coverage weekends during the annual leave of senior monitor [] who went to the U.S. on 26 April for weddings of one son and one daughter in May. The swap saved Okinawa overtime funds, which C/Ops had advised are already exhausted.

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B. Cruising

1. Major cruising activity in April focused on three large projects: the semi-annual spring changeover of Moscow Radio and Peace and Progress transmitters, as well as Beijing service changes; rechecking and verifying known or suspected satellite facsimile transmissions to prepare for the [] TDY to install the bureau's AFP system, and extensive rechecks of Bangkok, Hong Kong and Seoul coverage transmitters to confirm what Okinawa can do to back up these three bureaus in emergencies.

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2. Lesser facsimile services noted in initial checks with the new AFP system in late April included Japan JIJI press (from HF monitoring), Agence France Press telephoto--in addition to Soviet newspapers and Hanoi's HNAN DAN--on the Soviet 80 East satellite, and REUTER telephoto and Beijing-PIX-XIAN telephoto on the 66 and 63 East satellites, respectively.

C. Technical

1. Headquarters contractor [] of ST Research, TDYed at the bureau 8-16 April to bring, explain, and test two programs--STedit and BACH--designed to replace the Extel 315 ASR equipment with IBM PC-XT's in Far East bureaus, and provide automated router header generation. Demonstrations and tests with bureau personnel explained operating procedures and turned up various problems that will be further explored and tested during the next two months at the request of C/ESG. Okinawa also received IBM XT sets for Bangkok, Hong Kong and Seoul bureaus; they are being checked out prior to shipment to those bureaus.

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2. Antenna replacement continued, with one Beverage system of 20 poles at 267 degrees and another at 12 degrees, and three rhombic antennas being on the current project schedule. The U.S. Air Force antenna supervisor expects the FY-1986 project to be completed in early June.

3. Expansion and remodeling of the Muirfax radiophoto booth was completed, making this booth ready for use as a Japanese TV monitoring booth when that team moves from present space inside "Chinese territory" down the hall, to give Chinese monitors extra booths they have long required.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. Tightened security has been imposed in the bureau and Torii Station area, along with Kadena Air Base, since the 15 April U.S. raid on Libya. The administrative officer met with local security police, and a jeep began patrols past the bureau on 28 April in anticipation of possible troubles related to the Tokyo summit and recurring threats against U.S. Forces installations elsewhere in Japan. Yokota Air Base had a small rocket incident on 15 April, claimed to be the work of a radical "Core Faction" (Chukakuha) group that previously took credit for attacks against the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo. Another arson attack against Japanese Self-Defense Force members' personal vehicles in Naha was carried out, the fifth this year. The biennial security inspection 1-4 April by the regional security office turned up only minor suggestions for improvement.

2. Earlier reports that Okinawa DODDS schools might have to open in late September and cut teaching staff and activities proved untrue when DODDS "maneuvered" its budget to allow a 5 September opening and continuance of sports tournaments and other such events. The changes involved reducing expenses on maintenance and a release of DODDS reserve funds.

3. The bureau continued to undergo a routine Kadena Civilian Base Personnel Office review of its MLC employee supervision, grade structure and recordkeeping, including a 30 April visit by Michael Richter and Mr. Kinjo. Logistics officer [] completed two training courses, a 15-17 April course on the Inter Service Support Agreement system and a 22-25 April MLC supervisory course.

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4. The bureau chief presented federal service pins to monitors [] and a 15-year service certificate to monitor [] in office ceremonies 10 April.

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B. Buildings And Grounds

New mini-offices have been created from the old Bolo Point cruising room for Chief Monitor [], Librarian [], Operations Clerk [] vacating booths that can now be used by the Vietnamese and Japanese teams. The end result will be three more booths for Chinese monitors and a Japanese TV monitoring booth when renovations are complete. The regional engineer and MLC administrative assistants' offices have swapped locations.

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IV. VISITORS

To the Bureau:

John Leftault, special agent in charge, Okinawa Field Office of the 500th MI Group, Camp Zama, 1 April for briefing; regional security officer, 1-4 April for biennial security survey; [] ST

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Research computer contractor, 8-16 April to explain and field test new BACH header and Extel replacement computer programs; Sgt. McHaffry, Yokota Autodin Switching Center, on 10 April for briefing and inspection; MSgt. Howard, Cable and Antenna Section, 1962nd Information Systems Group, Kadena Air Base, and other sergeants, 15 April in regard to bureau antenna project; Lt. Col. Donald J. Graybill, commander, 18th Civil Engineering Support Squadron, Kadena Air Base, 9 April in regard to FBIS housing recapitalization program; communications security officer, 15-16 April for routine inspection; [redacted] FBIS/ESG/FED/FSB, 22 April to 1 May to install, test and train bureau staff on new Adaptable Facsimile Printer system; and Marine GySgt. Butler, of G-2, First Marine Air Wing, 25 April to discuss FBIS lateral services on terrorist threats against Marine air facilities.

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From the Bureau:

Bureau chief and wife to FBIS Headquarters for annual bureau chiefs' conference and annual leave, 12 April, returning 14 May; editor [redacted] for one day's TDY during private travel, at Hong Kong and Bangkok bureaus 18 and 25 April, respectively.

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V. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Bureau secretary [redacted] was the honored guest of the acting chief, chief editor and administrative officer at a 23 April Kadena Officers Club special luncheon on National Professional Secretaries Day, sponsored by the Kadena Federal Woman's Program. Brig. Gen. Donald Snyder, commander, 313th Air Division, and two colonels were guest speakers.

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OKINAWA BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR APRIL 1986

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 1,511,890
 TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 492,670
 TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH: 4,090

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. <u>INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:</u> (minutes or issues per week)	18,520 min.	40,040 min.	175.79 issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:

CHINA

Beijing International Service to East and South Africa in English	---
Beijing International Service to North America in English	790
Beijing International Service in Japanese	540
Beijing International Service in Mandarin	700
Beijing to Taiwan in Mandarin	2,980
Beijing to the USSR in Russian	4,640
Beijing to Vietnam in Vietnamese	1,200
Beijing Domestic Service in Mandarin	10,580
Fuzhou Fujian Provincial Service in Mandarin	2,990
Hangzhou Zhejiang Provincial Service in Mandarin	3,190
Hefei Anhui Provincial Service in Mandarin	2,260
Nanchang Jiangxi Provincial Service in Mandarin	10,250
Nanjing Jiangsu Provincial Service in Mandarin	5,460
Shanghai City Service in Mandarin	5,730

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Beijing XINHUA in English		738,050	
Beijing XINHUA Domestic Service in Chinese		154,820	
Beijing BEIJING REVIEW in English			1,370
Fuzhou FUJIAN RIBAO in Chinese			8,110
Hefei ANHUI RIBAO in Chinese			9,590
Hangzhou ZHEJIANG RIBAO in Chinese			2,100
Nanjing XINHUA RIBAO in Chinese			---
Shanghai JEIFANG RIBAO in Chinese			5,610
Shanghai WEN HUI BAO in Chinese			5,060

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(Clandestine) Ba Yi Radio to China in Mandarin	2,670		
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JAPAN

Naha Radio NHK in Japanese	50		
Tokyo NHK Television Network in Japanese	11,160		
Tokyo JPS in English		2,130	
Tokyo KYODO in English		281,570	
Tokyo JIJI in English		5,420	
Tokyo AKAHATA in Japanese			---
Tokyo ASAHI SHIMBUN in Japanese			3,640
Tokyo ASAHI EVENING NEWS in English			13,410
Tokyo JAPAN ECONOMIC JOURNAL in English			5,000
Tokyo MAINICHI DAILY NEWS in English			8,150

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Tokyo MAINICHI SHIMBUN in Japanese			340
Tokyo NIHON KEIZAI SHIMBUN in Japanese			7,450
Tokyo SANKEI SHIMBUN in Japanese			610
Tokyo THE DAILY YOMIURI in English			14,790
Tokyo THE JAPAN TIMES in English			15,760
Tokyo TOKYO SHIMBUN in Japanese			---
Tokyo YOMIURI SHIMBUN in Japanese			5,380
Naha OKINAWA TIMES in Japanese			820
Naha RYUKYU SHIMPO in Japanese			---
KOREA (NORTH)			
Pyongyang KCNA in English		420	
MONGOLIA			
Ulaanbaatar MONTSAME in English		7,300	
Ulaanbaatar MONTSAME in Russian		5,910	
TAIWAN			
Taipei International Service in English	3,940		
Taipei Domestic Service in Mandarin	680		
Taipei CNA in English		27,540	
Taipei CHINA POST in English			8,080
Taipei CHING CHI JIH PAO in Chinese			---
Taipei CHUNG KUO SHIH PAO in Chinese			190
Taipei CHUNG YANG JIH PAO in Chinese			---
Taipei LIEN HO PAO in Chinese			---
Taipei TZU LI WAN PAO in Chinese			140

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS			
Moscow to Japan in Japanese	6,060		
Moscow to Southeast Asia in Mandarin	160		
Moscow to China in Mandarin	4,180		
Moscow to Vietnam in Vietnamese	1,710		
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress to China in Mandarin	410		
Moscow Domestic Television Service in Russian	11,000		
 VIETNAM			
Hanoi International Service in Mandarin	---		
Hanoi Domestic Service in Vietnamese	18,120		
Hanoi VNA in English		61,770	
Hanoi VNA in French		---	
Hanoi VNA in Vietnamese		---	
Ho Chi Minh City VNA in Vietnamese		---	